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## Inside Your Third

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### Sky Rocketing Fuel Costs Force Increased Fuel Adjustment

The high cost of fuel and the lack of adequate transmission and generation in this corner of the state are combining to push electricity costs through the roof. In spite of our many efforts to hold the line on cost we, like every other utility and energy supplier, are being forced to raise our cost of electricity. increase will be in the form of a higher Fuel Adjustment charge. All of the money collected through the Fuel Adjustment charge is passed on to the energy suppliers and no part of this charge is used to support local operations. If and when the cost of wholesale electricity goes down this charge can be reduced.

Electricity is made by burning fuel, primarily natural gas, most of which comes to New England from Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. Recent hurricanes have combined with world energy supply problems to drive the cost of fuel to unprecedentedly high levels. The prices at the gas pump are an indicator of how high and volatile fuel prices have become.

In addition to high fuel prices, southwest Connecticut and particularly the Norwalk -Stamford area suffer from a combined lack of generation and transmission that further causes higher electricity prices. Transmission lines are now under construction that will alleviate this problem but they will not be in service for several more years. At the present time no significant new generation is planned in this region.

We at TTD continually strive to hold the line on costs. It is our mission to bring you the best possible service at the lowest possible cost - after all, we are electricity customers too. The success of these efforts is evidenced by our rates being consistently lower than those charged by neighboring private utilities.

One key way we achieve lower costs is to purchase our power supply jointly with the other customer owned electric systems in the state. This not only gives us greater purchasing power but also provides a full time staff of experts that continually monitor and fine-tune our power supply. On the local level, in addition to operating your Electric Department as efficiently as possible, your TTD Commission had the foresight to install three 2,000 Kilowatt generators at Norden Place. Essentially an insurance policy, ISO/New England pays us for their use whether they are running, or not. We are using this extra cash flow to help offset the higher costs of electricity we are paying and not charging you, the consumer.

We can all help fight the higher energy costs by conserving. The President has asked that we conserve gasoline and we at TTD have been preaching conservation for as long as anyone can remember. To combat high electricity prices our conservation efforts will be increasingly aggressive in the coming months. With your cooperation we will be devoting a great deal of effort in helping you to conserve and to use electricity more efficiently. More information on this program will be forthcoming.

#### **Business of the Month**

Among the myriad of diversified businesses located within the boundaries of East Norwalk is one of the few printing businesses aimed at servicing the needs of individuals.

Located at 23 First Street, Al Condors moved his growing business out of a basement in Darien in 1983 to this building once home to Better Bicycles and a laundromat.

In 1990 Al's son and wife, Chris and Karen took over the day-to-day operation of the business. They are truly a "mom and pop" establishment with Karen taking care of the business side while Chris takes care of production.

And who better to handle production than someone who cut his teeth looking over his father's shoulder for more than thirty years?

"We are proud to be part of this wonderful neighborhood and to be able to bring a necessary service to East Norwalk. Personal printing doesn't have to be a mystery - we go out of our way to accommodate our clients and friends" says Chris.

Condor Press does all kinds of personalized printing from stationery to Christmas cards. And where does anyone go anymore for numbering, scoring and folding, or customized carbonless forms?

Not only can they convert modern electronic files to finished product, they have the capability to do it the old fashioned way - from camera ready artwork. Don't forget to ask about their typesetting service.

#### **Condor Press**



Located at 23 First Street, Condor Press continues the family tradition of good quality and good prices serving the neighborhood since 1983.

# Cemetery Renovations to begin next summer

The Commission, recognizing the deterioration of some of the headstones in the Historical Cemetery we own, appropriated \$20,000 in the District budget at last year's annual meeting for upkeep and restoration of the cemetery. Approved by the ratepayers in attendence, part of the \$20,000 will go towards the usual upkeep, such as mowing and tree trimming. The balance will go towards the repair and conservancy of fallen and broken headstones.

The newly resurrected East Norwalk Historic Cemetery Association has taken the first steps towards the restoration of the Historic Cemetery with the issuance of a Request for Proposal to cemetery conservators. It being an extremely limited resource, only one person has replied. However, he happens to be the conservator who is now working on the Pine Island cemetery restoration for Norwalk Historical Society.

Chris Burr, who is the newly elected East Norwalk Historical Cemetery Association president, says the association has been overseeing the maintenance of the cemetery since its incorporation in 1843. "I have a number of direct ancestors resting there, including Governor Thomas Fitch and his son, the legendary "Yankee Doodle" says Burr.

"During the 1960's the District assumed the the real estate and the regular maintenance of the cemetery. However, to this day, the association still coordinates burials and other activities of the cemetery" Burr said.

As Mr. Burr points out, the Third Taxing District now owns the cemetery within the rotary bordered by East Avenue, Gregory Boulevard, and Cemetery Streets. As the photos to the right very clearly illustrate, it is time to invest the money set aside at the annual meeting into bringing this historical cemetery and prominent landmark back to an appearance we can be proud of.





